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College and Career Readiness Standards for Reading:

9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.





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Comparing and contrasting



Do all texts about a topic provide the same information? Is the information always accurate and unbiased?

Texts often discuss the same themes and topics, but provide different information. Comparing texts about the same topic can help you learn about the topic from different perspectives.

- When comparing texts, look for what they have in common.
- When contrasting texts, identify how the texts are different.

Look for similarities and differences in how the subject or events are portrayed and if the texts present the same facts.





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Author's purpose



How might an eyewitness account of a crime be different from a police report of the event? Which one is right?

When comparing and contrasting two or more texts, it is important to consider each author's purpose for writing and his or her point of view on the subject.

The author might purposefully portray the subject in a positive or negative light depending on his or her own personal opinions or bias.

For example, someone writing an autobiography might want to portray themselves positively. Someone writing a biography about that person might be more neutral.





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Biography and autobiography









Authors often present the same topic very differently. Press on the books to read an autobiography and biography about Abraham Lincoln.

Press the **Compare texts** button to compare how each text presents Lincoln's life.

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Conflicting information



Texts about the same topic sometimes provide conflicting information because the authors have different perspectives on the subject.

How might two texts about the same topic be different if they were written by an adult versus a young person?

How might the texts be different if they were written by people from different countries?

How might the texts be different if they were written by an expert on the topic versus a student or novice?

How might the texts be different if they were written by a man versus a woman?





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Conflicting accounts







Sometimes texts present conflicting information about a topic. It is important to identify what information conflicts and investigate why the texts conflict.

Read these eyewitness accounts of the Boston Massacre of 1770, when British soldiers opened fire on a mob of civilians. Then press **Compare** to analyze the conflicting information.

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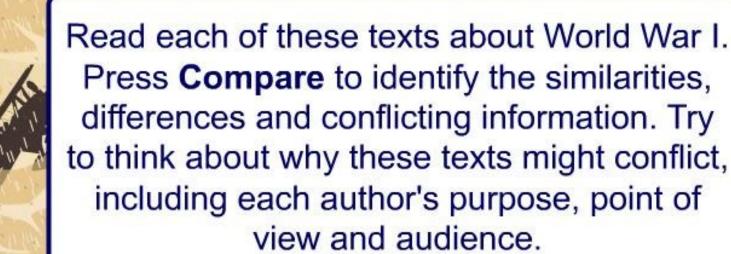


Compare texts









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